

THE GOSPELS MAN

BIG PICTURE:

JESUS - MAN

BIG IDEA:

DOWN TO EARTH

BIG POINT:

JESUS WAS FULLY GOD AND FULLY MAN

BIG WORD:

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LEADER'S GUIDE

BIG MESSAGE 'LIVE' OUTLINE

BIG JR.

DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document is the Leader's Guide for BIG Picture 'JESUS - MAN'. It contains a summary of the BIG Message 'LIVE'. The BIG 'The Gospels' User Guide document contains all the service element information, including the large group segment of your service.

Make sure you read through and prayerfully study this material prior to your service to be fully prepared to minister to your children.

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LEARNING OUTCOMES:

At the conclusion of this lesson children will:

- discover that Jesus was both fully God and fully Man.
- learn about Jesus as a young boy at the temple.
- be introduced to The Gospels as an account of Jesus life on earth.

BUILD YOUR MESSAGE

Use the outline in the following pages to construct a message that works for you and your children's ministry. Pray, read the scripture references and choose which elements best suit your audience. Then, prepare by gathering any supplies needed.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: Luke 2:41-52, John 1:1-3, John 1:14, John 21:25, Hebrews 2:14

MY MESSAGE PLAN:

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

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TRANSITION

If you can hear me, spin around
If you can see me, sit right down
Hands in laps, you're doing great
It's Big Message time so sit up straight!

INTRO A BIG BOOK!

SUPPLIES NEEDED: A Bible (if you have a HUGE prop Bible - even better!)

Raise your hand if you know what this book is? Let's all say it on the count of three; One, two, three...The Bible!

The Bible is a big book that tells us all about God's big love for us. It starts by telling us all about how God created the world; the land, the sky, the sun, stars and all the animals. The best thing God created was people, you and me!

God showed His big love for us by sending His Son Jesus to earth. The Bible says in John 3:16a (NIV), "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son." Jesus came to earth so we could see how much God loves us.

Did you know the Bible is not just one big book, it is really a collection of LOTS of books! 66 books that all tell us of God's big love for us. There are four books that together we call 'The Gospels' they tell us all about Jesus' life while He was here on earth. We're going to learn so much about Jesus as we discover The Gospels.

STORYTELLING HIDE AND SEEK

SUPPLIES NEEDED: A backpack and a teddy bear.

At Christmas time we learn about when Jesus was born, a little baby in a manger in Bethlehem.

Jesus grew up with Joseph, Mary and His family. The Bible doesn't tell us too much about what Jesus was like when He was a child, but there is one story in Luke 2:41-52 from when Jesus was 12 years old.

Jesus travelled with a big group of family and friends from His hometown to Jerusalem for the yearly Feast of The Passover. A big festival to remember how God freed His people from Egypt.

(Stand to one side of the stage and pretend to pack belongings in your backpack, leaving behind the teddy bear.)

Once the big celebration had ended, Mary, Joseph and all their travelling companions packed up their things and started on their long journey home. *(Put the backpack on your back and walk to the other side of the stage.)*

Mary and Joseph had walked a long way before they realised something. Oh no! They left behind one important thing... they forgot Jesus! His parents thought He was with another family member or friend.

(Look around the room and pretend to search for your teddy bear.)

When they realised He wasn't with them, they began to race around asking all the other travellers, "Have you seen our young boy?" But He was nowhere to be found. Realising they must have left Him behind, they rushed back as fast as they could to the city of Jerusalem to search for Him.

It took three days of searching before they finally found Him in the Temple with the teachers of The Law. *(Find the bear and give it a big hug.)*

Jesus had been there the whole time, discussing the Word of God with the teachers. He listened and asked many questions. The teachers were amazed by Jesus' answers and how much He knew about God.

Mary and Joseph were so relieved to have found Him, "Your father and I have been worried about you." Mary said.

"Why did you have to look for me? Didn't you know I would be in my Father's House?", Jesus replied. Mary and Joseph didn't understand what He meant.

Jesus returned home to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph, and as He grew up taller He also grew in wisdom and in favour with God and people.

We don't know much about when Jesus was a young boy. But this story helps us to remember that while Jesus was God's Son, divine and holy, He was also a person just like you and me. He was a child just like you, and knows just what it's like. He grew up and did amazing things that show us God's love.

Luke 2:52 (NIV), "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Jesus was fully God and fully man.

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MY FAVOURITE VERSE

I have a favourite verse about Jesus coming to earth as a person. It reminds me that Jesus shows us how much God loves us. Would you like me to share this very amazing Bible verse with you?

This is from John 1:14 (NLT), "So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son." Jesus came to earth, God in human form to show us His love. Through The Gospels we can learn so much about Jesus. And that is my favourite verse about Jesus coming to earth. I think it might become one of your favourites as well.

SUMMARY

It was only around 2,000 years ago that Jesus was here on earth, but he existed long before that, in fact He existed from the very beginning of time itself. John 1:1-3 (NIRV), "In the beginning, the Word was already there. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were made through him. Nothing that has been made was made without him."

God loves us so much, He sent Jesus to earth, as a person. The Gospels tell us about Jesus life on earth, we learn about His birth, His life, His miracles, His teaching and His death and resurrection. We can learn so much about Jesus from the Bible. Even with all that has been written in God's Word for us to discover about Jesus, there is alot more that He did while He was on earth. John 21:25 (NIV) says, "Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written."

Jesus came down to earth, fully God and fully man.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for sending Jesus to earth for us. Help us to discover more about Him as we learn from the Gospels.

In Jesus' name, Amen